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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM: John J. Bird  
National Intelligence Officer for Warning

SUBJECT: Approval for TDY to JCS and CINCs' Conference  
21-24 April 1985

1. Request approval for NIO/W to travel to Newport, Rhode Island approximately 21-24 April 1985. The purpose of this travel is to participate at the invitation of the Chairman, JCS, at his JCS and CINCs' Conference. The conference will involve among other things examination of early warning of crises, crisis management and transition to war (see also attached invitation).

2. My participation has been solicited because of my present position as NIO/W and general experience in political-military affairs. The conference should provide an excellent opportunity to explore the potential for bringing strategic warning to bear early on the security policymaking process. It will also provide me with an opportunity to discuss warning problems with the CINCs.

3.  will represent the NIO/W during this time period.

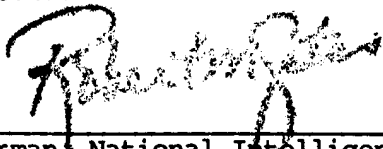
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4. All expenses related to the conference including travel and lodging will be borne by the JCS.

  
John J. Bird

Attachment:  
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Chairman, National Intelligence Council

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CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
WASHINGTON

22 March 1985

Mr. John Bird  
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Dear Mr. Bird,

I am pleased to learn that you will be able to participate in the War Game that will be conducted in conjunction with the JCS and CINCs' Conference to be held at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, April 21-24, 1985. As a member of the Control Team, your extensive experience and expertise in politico-military affairs will be invaluable to the War Game, and will contribute significantly to the realism and credibility of the proceedings. I sincerely appreciate your agreement to participate in this important event.


We will provide travel, lodging, and all meals during your stay with us at the Naval War College. You have reservations at the Sheraton Islander Inn in Newport. We can also assist in travel arrangements, if you desire.

Colonel James M. Sims, USMC, or Lieutenant Colonel Jon Loftheim, USA, of the Joint Analysis Directorate will provide individual briefings. Their telephone number is (202) 695-3705.

I look forward to welcoming you to the JCS and CINCs' Conference on April 21st.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

  
JOHN W. VESSEY, JR.  
Chairman  
Joint Chiefs of Staff

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